

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 7 shows a simplified, schematic view of a preferred activating organ provided on the device in the invention; and--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 8 shows schematically the unit in Fig. 6 to explain the acoustic couplings. ~~and~~--

On page 6, please delete the paragraph beginning "--Fig. 9 schematically illustrates..." which was previously inserted before the paragraph beginning on line 24.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

--The compartment 29a now acting as an actual battery compartment with battery 33 is now provided on the extra module 51 and, accordingly, the cover 39, which is removed from the basic housing 3, for example, and snapped onto the extra module or snapped on like a bayonet. As shown schematically in FIG. 9, if necessary, more such modules 51 can be stacked on the basic module ~~housing 3~~ of the hearing aid shown in FIG. 1. The extra modules 51 are preferably attached with a snap-on part 43a provided on the modules 51, similar to the hinged part 43 on the folding cover 39, as well as a snapping part 46a similar to snapping part 46 on said folding cover 39 or, if there is a bayonet lock, by being pushed in, turned and locked.--